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OUT-
STANDING,
MY DEAR.

CONCRETE JUNGLE

AAUUUGH

GUNG

AAAHAGGK

RAPPTCHH

SKRIVV





A MOST
IMPRESSIVE
ADDITION
TO YOUR
TROPHY
WALL.

I DARE SAY YOU
RANK AS ONE OF
OUR TOP THREE
PLAYERS AT
THIS POINT, MS.
MATLIN.

YOU
FLATTER ME
NEEDLESSLY,
MISTER
HELMS.

I'M HONORED
MERELY BY
BEING ALLOWED
TO PARTICIPATE.



THAT PRIVILEGE
IS YOURS BY
RIGHT, OF
COURSE.

YOUR
POSITION
AND PEDIGREE
ASSURE YOU
A PLACE AT
THE TABLE.

BOTH
PLAYERS AND
PREY ARE
SELECTED BY THE
INVISIBLE HAND
OF ECONOMICS.
EACH FULFILLING THE
ROLE ASSIGNED
BY BIRTH AND
STATUS.

OUR GAME
IS BUT AN
EXTENSION OF
THE NATURAL
ORDER OF
THINGS.

A
TOAST,
THEN, TO
MOTHER
NATURE.



RED
OF FANG
AND
CLAW.

SALUT!

CHING



SO HE ENK

I'M
TELLIN' YA
ZERO -- 'G THE
STRAIGHT
DOPE.

GOT IT
HOT OFF
THE UNDER-
NET.

UNDERNET, RIGHT.
BUNCH OF OTAKU
NEWSFREAKS
BOUNCING RUMORS
AND JUNK DATA
OFF SATELLITES BY
PIRATE UPLINK.

YOU COULD GO
OVER EVERY BIT
WITH AN ELECTRON
MICROSCOPE FOR
A MILLION YEARS
AND NOT FIND
ANYTHING USEFUL.

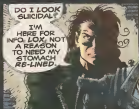
ONCE IN A WHILE,
THOUGH, LOX
ACCIDENTALLY
LATCHES ONTO
SOMETHING
WORTHWHILE. SO...



YEAH,
SURE,
LOX.

I'M
LISTENING,
ALREADY.

SETCHA
A
DRINK?



DO I LOOK
SUICIDAL?

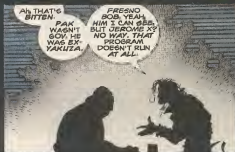
I'M
HERE FOR
INFO. LOX, NOT
A REASON
TO NEED MY
STOMACH
RE-LINED.



WE'RE TALKING
MILITARY PROJ
GONE BAD.

Y'KNOW,
ONE O'THEM
SUPER SOLDIER
THINGS TH' GOV
NEVER SEEMS
TO GIVE UP
ON.

WAY I HEARD,
TH' RAMBOT
CUT ITSELF LOOSE.
NOW IT'S LOOKING
TO DO THE BOMB
DANCE ALL OVER
ITS OLD
UNIT.



AH, THAT'S
BITTEN.

PAK
WASN'T
GOV. HE
WAS EX-
YAKUZA.

FRESNO
BOB, YEAH,
HIM I CAN GEE,
BUT JEROME X?
NO WAY. THAT
PROGRAM
DOESN'T RUN
AT ALL.



I'M
TELLIN'
YA, IT'S
THE --

..ABSOLUTE TRUTH. ON MY POOR VLADIMIR'S GRAVE --

-- GOD MAY HE REST AND NOT COME BACK TO BE HAUNTING ME WITH HIS BAD BREATH AND TRENCH-FOOT --

-- I SWEAR IT.

UH-HUH, RIGHT.

HE COMES BACK, I'LL GREASE HIM AGAIN FOR YOU, OKAY?

GOT NICE ALGERIAN ROM CHIPS HERE. DECRYPTED SERIAL NUMBERS. UN-TRACEABLE.

FOR YOU, I GIVE GOOD PRICE...

SAVE IT FOR SOMEONE WHO GIVES A RIP, 'SEKA.

NOW, GIVE.

IT'S MUTROIDS, I TELL YOU!

BIZ THEY DUMP RADIOACTIVES IN SEWERS

TURN DOWNRAWERS INTO MONSTERS.

UH-HUH.

AND THEY GOTTA EAT HUMAN FLESH, CUZ IT'S THE ONLY THING KEEPS THEIR LONG-CHAIN PROTEINS FROM DECAYING, RIGHT?

Eh? WHO TOLD YOU?

SAW IT ON THE ATROCITY CHANNEL LAST WEEK -- OLD SCI-FI VIPPER. DIDN'T BUY IT THEN, EITHER.

AH BYTE ME, Y'OLD BAG.

YOU'RE WASTING MY SHOCKIN' --

TIME.
A LONG
TIME.

BEEN
GOIN' ON
SINCE THE
TWINKEN -
EVERYBODY
KNOWS IT.

KNOWS
WHAT
CASH?

NOT CASH'S
GENP, THAT'S FOR
SURE.

HIS REGULAR
TRICKS DON'T
EVEN KNOW THAT.

E.T.'S
NATCH.

SOV
AND BIZ
THEY GOT A
SECRET DEAL
TO LET 'EM GO
AROUND KILLIN'
FOLKS LONG
AS THEY GIVE
'EM NEW
TECH.

Oh
PUH-LEEZE...
GET REAL.

WHAT
YOU DON'T
THINK THERE'S
INTELLIGENT
LIFE ON OTHER
PLANETS?

YOU
KIDDING? I
HAVEN'T EVEN
SEEN ANY HERE
SO FAR.

SWEETHEART...

-Heeheehe-
YOU'RE KINDA
CUTE, Y'KNOW.
SURE YOU
DON'T WANT A
QUICKIE?

I'D
RATHER
BE EATEN
BY RATS.

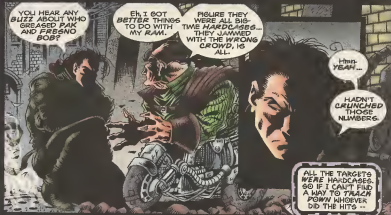
SPEAKING
OF WHICH...

YO,
WEBB.

WHAT'S
NEW AND
IMPROVED
?

JUST
GOT A
KILO OF
SOMETHING
JAGGED.
WANT A
TASTE?

NOT
TODAY, MAN.
GOT BIZ TO DO.



ONE SALE, THREE
HOURS, AND TWENTY
BLOCKS LATER...

WHAT
IS IT WITH
YOU?!

OUR
BIZ IS
DONE,
VID?

SO
LEAVE
ALONE
ALREADY!

THAT
LITTLE CREEP
BOTHERIN'
YOU
BABE?

BUT...
I WAS
KINDA THINKING
WE COULD
BE Y'KNOW,
FRIENDS.

OR
SOMETHING.

WE
DON'T LIKE
BYTE-SIZE RLINIS
HASSLIN' OUR
WOMEN...

...MAYBE
WE OUGHTA
TEACH 'IM A
LESSON...

YOUR
WOMEN
!?!?

JACK
OUT,
BITHEAD!

WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
KINDA TWISTO
DWARF-
GROUPIES?

MAYBE IT'S
TIME SOMEONE
UPLOADED
YOU A NICE
BIG --

ALL
RIGHT--



-- BREAK IT UP!



YOU GONNA MAKE US, MOJO?

TOXIC ZOMBIES AIN'T AFRAID O'NO STINKING BLACK-BOOTS!

RATBITING SECURICOP SCHM LIKE YOU'RE WHAT'S WRECKIN' PROPERTY VALUES 'ROUND HERE.



YEAH!

WE DON'T GOTTA TAKE GLITCH FROM THEIR KIND!

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

AGGRAVATED VERBAL HARASSMENT OF A PEACE OFFICER.

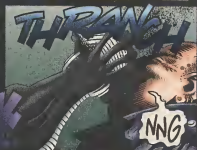
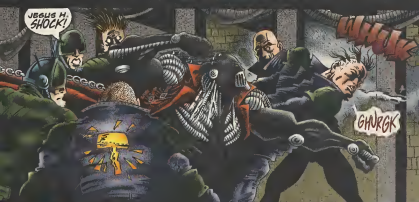
WE AUTHORIZED FOR LETHAL FORCE IN THIS 'HOOD?



YUP.

I LOVE THIS JOB.

GREASE 'EM!



FUNNY
THING ABOUT
HISTORY.

FWASHUP

ALWAYS
GETS
WRITTEN.

SHIKCHAK

-- BY THE
WINNERS.

THAK
LOOM

FWASHUP

FADE,
NOW.

NEXT.

MUST BE
AUGMENTED
OUT THE
WAZOO.

LAST OF THE
UMBRA NINE
BLACK OPS THE
BOY USED IN
BOLIVIA. SUITBOYS
JUST SIGNED HIM
TO AN EXCLUSIVE
CONTRACT.

PROMO'S GOT A
WHOLE NEW AD
CAMPAIGN
BUILT AROUND
THE DEAL.

THEY
CALL HIM
CODA --

-- THE
LAST WORD
IN LAW
ENFORCE-
MENT.

CHAM
CHAM
CHAM

WILHEI.
THANKS
FOR THE...
ASSIST.

UH...
YEAH.

TO
WHHH...WHAT
DO WE OWE
Y'KNOW, THE
FAVOR?

FWASHUP

PRACTICE.

TELEPRESENCE SYSTEM
ACTIVATED. STATE NAME
AND UNIT NUMBER FOR
VOICEPRINT VERIFICATION

MATLIN,
DIANA J.
PILOTS
PREDATOR
THIRTY-SEVEN.

VERIFICATION
COMPLETE

TAKE
PREDATOR
THIRTY-SEVEN
OFF STANDBY
MODE.

ENGAGE
INTERFACE.

Ohhhh...

Yesssss...

INTERFACE COMPLETE.
ENTERING STALK MODE.

SELECT
TARGET(S)?

Hmmm...
HOW ABOUT
THAT ONE?

CAPTURING
VISUAL TO
IDENTISCAN.
ACCESSING CSS
DATABASE...

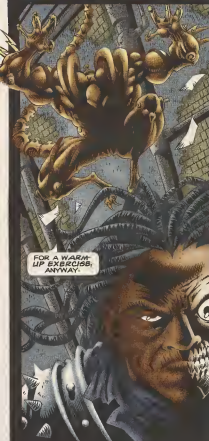
IDENTIFILE MATCH
SUCCESSFUL. SUBJECT:
JETER, C. NMI



OFFENSES ON RECORD: 47
VOIGHT-COMP TEST RESULTS:
TERTIARY SOCIOPATHY
THREAT INDEX: 7.51



HE'LL
DO.



FOR A WARM-
UP EXERCISE,
ANYWAY.



UNGHK

HSSSSSS



SKIP CHANGK



WAIT...

...SOME-
THING
STRANGE
HERE...

...SOME
KIND
OF...

-- DESIGNER
BIOFORM.

PUTTING OUT
ELF NOISE
WHOLESALE.
MUST BE WIRED
FOR TELE-
OPERATION.

MAY AS WELL
DITCH THE
HOLOFLAGE.

YOU
DON'T
LOOK LIKE
GOV OR
BIZ.

MUST
BE A
CUSTOM-
TAILORED
JOB.

NOT
CHEAP.

CLIT
CHAK

RE
ONE
G

TOO
BAD.

YOU
PICKED
THE WRONG
TARGET
TONIGHT,
PUSSEBAG.

NOT SERIOUS.
JUST ENOUGH
TO RUIN MY
PERFECT
RECORD.

JANWET.

THIS
IS NO
ORDINARY
TARGET --
I NEED A
RULING.

More
REMARK-
ABLE.

I DO BELIEVE THAT
WE HAVE A RARE
OPPORTUNITY
HERE --



MARVEL COMICS

BULLPEN BULLETINS

ITEM! Bloodaxe fans are in for a treat as the popular vigilante leaps into solo action against one of Thor's deadliest foes in **THUNDERSTRIKE** #17! The foe in question is the Egyptian God of Death, Seth, who has been plotting behind the scenes for some time now. Seth has

COMING NEXT WEEK

- SABER FASHION #50:** A tarty tale wedding with a prince and princess. By Saxe/Francis & Winkler/Tanghal.
- BLAZE THE VAMPIRE HUNTER #6:** Blaze needs help from Morbius! By Edgerton/Wheelwright/Mintz.
- BLAZE #7:** A turning point for Blaze and the Circus Quintet. By Davis/Martinez/LaRosa.
- DI STRANGE #14:** Strange times! Dr. Stevens vs. Strange vs. Dr. Strange! By Quinn/Trope.
- FANTASTIC FOUR #397:** Someone is resurrected! Is it who you think? By DeMatteis/Fuqua/Edwards.
- IRON MAN #319:** Tony hosts an Apocalypse Anonymous party on New Year's Eve! By Kossuth/Margart.
- NEW WARRIORS #56:** It's war in Nevada, and one Winner won't be coming back! By Skolnick/Poon/Pedersen.
- NIGHTWATCH #11:** Who watches Nightwatch? A mystery villain, that's what! By Kossuth/Sandell.
- OFFICIAL INDEX TO THE AVENGERS #6 OF 6:** It's Avengers-etic! By Whedon.
- FRANCE VALENT #3 OF 4:** The quest for Excalibur (the sword, of course). By Voss & Lee/Redgway.
- PUNISHER 2099 #25:** Jake goes full-on under a techno-assassin's spell! By Mills & Skinner/Cole.
- SILVER SURFER #201:** Surf catches his beloved Shalla Bal in the arms of a swooping suitor! By Marzullo/Martini.
- SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #221:** Doc Ock vs. Spidey — one wins. One dies! By DeMatteis/Suicelli.
- SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES #2:** Meet the Saturday Morning Spider Slayer! By Yonkers/Suicelli.
- SPIDER-MAN: THE POWER OF TERROR:** Shremone is killing everyone! By Wright/Robertson.
- SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #5:** Spidey & the game tackle super-villain! By Lyle/Lee/Palmer.
- THOR #162:** Loki wants to kill Thor! Talk about sibling rivalry! By Thomas/Woodward.
- THUNDERSTRIKE #17:** Thor's greatest foe is back! No, it's not Gajudo! By DeMatteis/Margart.
- VENUS SEPARATION ANXIETY #3 OF 4:** Code teams with five symbiotes! By Mack/Hendrix/DeLaRosa.
- THE WISDOM #4:** Someone is trying with the Wisdom's envious! But who? By Verna/Carr/Viv & MacIntosh.

ITEM! Say goodbye to Frank Castle! **PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL** #75 features Frank's replacement — Lynn Michaels, the butt-kickin' lady Punisher, who is hot on the trail of Frank's War Journal. But Lynn's not the only one who wants the journal — a host of bad guys are in search of it, too, including the Trust, Terminus, V.I.G.I.L., and Heathen!

Editor Don Delaney raved about this issue, starting with this cover, a Mark Texeira painting which is an homage to a Mike Zeck

cover from the first **PUNISHER** limited series. Don promised, "The cover leaves no doubt that this is a female Punisher! Little boys will be out of control!"

Don feels **WAR JOURNAL** #75 offers something for everyone. "Everyone who used to like the Punisher is going to like this issue. And people who never liked the Punisher are gonna like this issue!" The creative team for **PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL** is writer Steven Grant and artist Hugh Heymes.

Don concluded by noting that there has never been a better time to climb aboard the Punisher's war wagon. "A lot of big stuff is coming down!"

ITEM! It's a fight to the finish between Thor and Loki in the month's issue of **THOR** — and this time, Loki wants to end this sibling rivalry for good!

The action kicks off in the pages of **THOR** #483, on a late next week, when Thor pays a visit to Loki's castle, on a quest to find out the truth about his former alter ego, Don Blake. It turns out Loki is the wrong guy to ask, but since Thor doesn't visit very often, the God of Evil decides to use this opportunity to seek revenge on his hated half-brother. (You'll never guess which mystery villain is really responsible for the Don Blake impostor!)

Writer Roy Thomas promised that the mystery of Don Blake will be resolved once and for all in **THOR** #483. Roy summed up the issue as follows: "There's a big battle with Loki in his new battle armor... the final secret of Don Blake... and an amazing surprise at the end!" The artist for **THOR** #483 is M. C. Wyman.



reinforced himself on Earth, and is gathering weapons of death and destruction, so that he can bring untold suffering upon us mere mortals! Penciler/co-plotter Ron Frenz said that Seth is truly a god to be reckoned with. "In this story, we establish the power of Seth. Bloodaxe gets his head handed to him in the fight, and he comes to Eric to ask for help in beating this guy!"

Ron said that **THUNDERSTRIKE** #17 "loads into one of the more offbeat team-ups of the year" in the next issue, as Eric and Bloodaxe join forces to take on Seth! The team-up, noted

Ron, "allows us to crystallize the differences and similarities between Thunderstrike and Bloodaxe, in preparation for the big epic storyline that is to come." That's a line, which will run until issue #25, will culminate in the long-awaited revelation of Bloodaxe's true identity!

Writer Tom DeMatteis guaranteed plenty of action! "Ron and I pushed out all the stops on this one. It's not the usual quiet, slow-paced, subdued material people have come to expect from us!" The ink for **THUNDERSTRIKE** is Al Milgrom.







THING'S
BUILT FOR
SPEED.

NOT A
PROBLEM.

NOT SINCE I
READ THE BIKE'S
AUTO-CONTROL
USER HELP FILES.

FANGFACE
WANTS A
CHASE
SCENE --

-- IT'S
GOT
ONE.



HE'S
GOT SOME
KIND OF
VEHICLE.

THAT'S
BE A
SHORTER
CHASE THAN
I HAD IN
MIND.

I'LL
HAVE ETA AND
RENDZVOUS
COORDINATES
IN A MINUTE.



ALMOST
TOO EASY.

INFRARED
IMAGING

THAT THING'S
LEAKING
THERMALS
LIKE A GAP
SMELL.

THRULLUMMM

WASSSS

NEWS
FLASH,
BITHEAD!

RRRUTCH

YOU'RE
NAILED!

ROLLUMMM

